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25th Navajo Nation Council Summer Session Speaker's Report addresses priorities facing the Navajo Nation



PHOTO: On the opening day of the 2023 Summer Session, the 25th Navajo Nation Council gifted Arizona Governor Katie Hobbs a traditional pottery.

Window Rock, Ariz. – Today, the 25th Navajo Nation Council Speaker Crystalyne Curley (Tachee/Blue Gap, Many Farms, Nazlini, Tselani/Cottonwood, Low Mountain) delivered the Speaker's Report, detailing key priorities that the Council continues to address as it moves into the next quarter.

The report highlights the centennial anniversary of the Navajo Nation Council and the continued development of a government that is representative of the voices and concerns of the Navajo People.

"This year, we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the Navajo Nation Council as the legislative body of our peoples' government. While the development of our government remains a work in progress, we recognize that the will of our people to be a part of the government process has never dwindled," she said. "In fact, the call of our people to be involved and informed continues to grow. As leaders, the responsibility to make our government open to the people rests on our shoulders."

In addition to signifying the 100th anniversary of the Council, the Speaker reported on key areas, priorities, and initiatives such as water rights, American Rescue Plan Act funding, the FY 2024 Comprehensive Budget, the Indian Child Welfare Act, the Missing and Murdered Diné Relatives Task Force, and the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act among other issues.

On behalf of the 25th Navajo Nation Council, Speaker Curley thanked the Diné people for participating in the 2023 Summer Council Session.

“As we move into the next quarter, the Council will begin many more initiatives, including the 2024 budget session, in which all government departments and programs will present their goals and proposed budgets. May this summer season bring many blessings to your families and communities. Ahee’hee,” Speaker Curley said.

For the Summer Session, Speaker Curley made the time-honored trail ride from Low Mountain Chapter to the Nation’s capital in Window Rock. This year’s ride was one of the largest ever, as delegates from the 25th Navajo Nation Council traveled and camped together throughout their respective chapters to honor the tradition of their former leaders.

On the opening day of Summer Session, Navajo Nation President Buu Nygren rode with the 25th Navajo Nation Council to the steps of the council chambers.

“Over the past week, riders began their journey from their respective communities to honor the tradition started many years ago by our past Navajo leaders,” Speaker Curley said. “On behalf of the 25th Navajo Nation Council, I extend a very special welcome to all of the horse riders, bike riders, and many others who made the challenging journey over the last several days to be with us on the opening day of the session.”

The opening day agenda of the 2023 Navajo Nation Council Summer Session included a report by Arizona Governor Katie Hobbs, an awareness walk against drunk driving hosted by the Peshlakai family, the pledge of allegiance led by the Rough Rock Community School students, the National Anthem sung in Navajo by Tonisah Draper, and an invocation by Honorary Doctorate Louva Dahozy.

To read the full details of the Speaker’s Report and updates from key Legislative Branch departments, please visit www.navajonationcouncil.org.

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